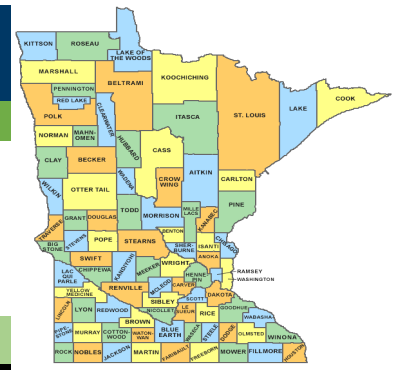


COUNTY PROFILE

# Big Stone Co.

Big Stone Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6W, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Big Stone Co.'s population decreased this decade, ranking as the 65th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 83rd largest in the state. Big Stone Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

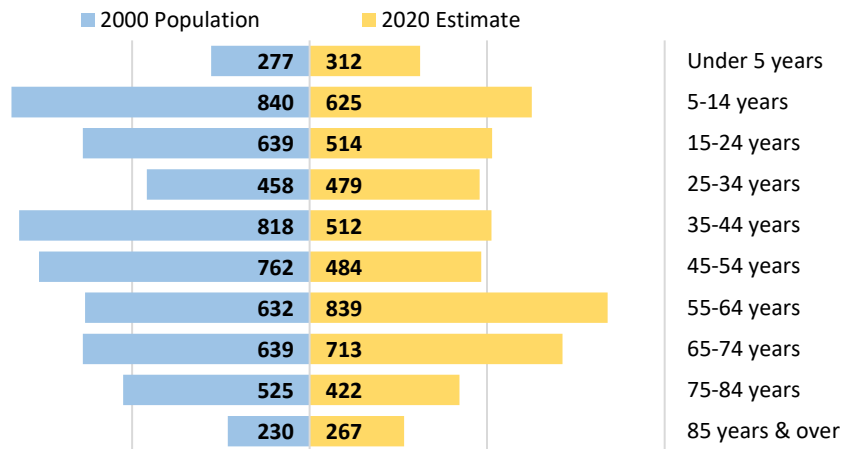
Current population:	<b>5,166 people</b>
Population change, 2010-2020	-103 people -2.0% decline

Median Age:	<b>48.3 years</b>
state:	38.3 years

Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2020		
	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	312	6.0%
5-14 years	625	12.1%
15-24 years	514	10.0%
25-34 years	479	9.3%
35-44 years	512	9.9%
45-54 years	484	9.4%
55-64 years	839	16.3%
65-74 years	713	13.8%
75-84 years	422	8.2%
85 years & over	267	5.2%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>5,166</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2020



Big Stone Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Big Stone Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Big Stone Co.	-277	-146	541	687	-124	12	-136
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253

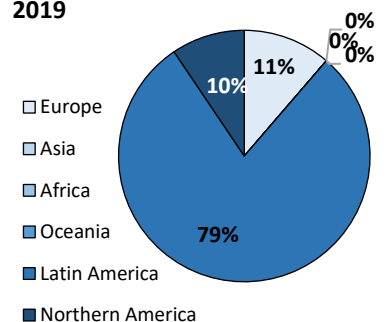
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Big Stone Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Big Stone Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2019	Big Stone Co.		Change 2010-2019		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	53	1.1%	26	96.3%	8.5%	28.9%
Europe	6	11.3%	-11	-64.7%	9.9%	4.5%
Asia	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	37.5%	30.3%
Africa	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	25.5%	72.0%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.5%	37.2%
Americas:	47	88.7%	37	370.0%	26.6%	10.0%
Latin America	42	79.2%	40	2000.0%	24.1%	12.2%
Northern America	5	9.4%	-3	-37.5%	2.5%	-7.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2019



## COUNTY PROFILE

## Big Stone Co.

Big Stone Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019**

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

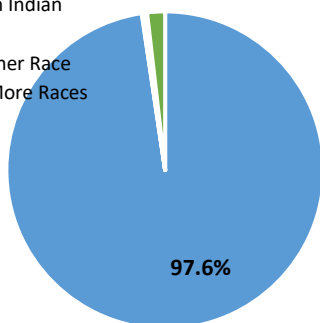


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Big Stone Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,996</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-14.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13.1%</b>
White	4,878	97.6%	-14.9%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	3	0.1%	-70.0%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	14	0.3%	-53.3%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	3	0.1%	-87.5%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	7	0.1%	0.0%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	91	1.8%	355.0%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	91	1.8%	355.0%	5.4%	108.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

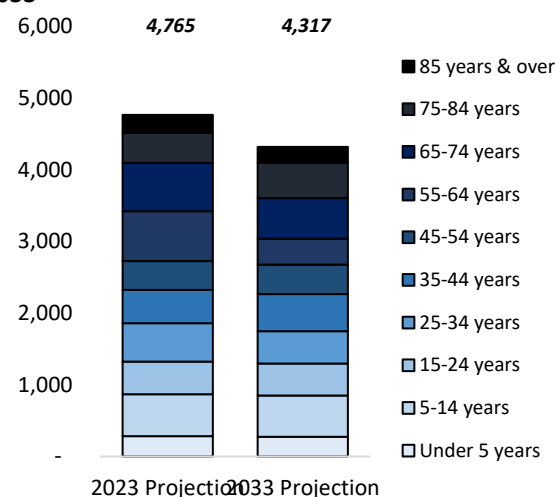
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Big Stone Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033**

Big Stone Co.	2023 Projection	2033 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	284	275	-9	-3.2%
5-14 years	585	576	-9	-1.5%
15-24 years	457	446	-11	-2.4%
25-34 years	535	452	-83	-15.5%
35-44 years	462	517	55	11.9%
45-54 years	404	411	7	1.7%
55-64 years	693	361	-332	-47.9%
65-74 years	677	567	-110	-16.2%
75-84 years	419	490	71	16.9%
85 years & over	249	222	-27	-10.8%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>4,765</b>	<b>4,317</b>	<b>-448</b>	<b>-9.4%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Big Stone Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Big Stone Co. also has a lower percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

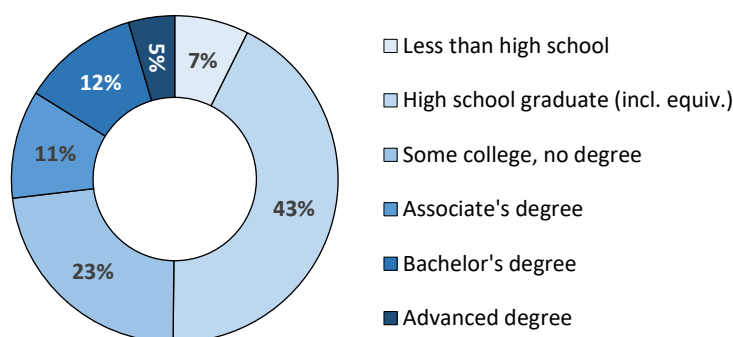
**Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:**

**92.7%**

**College-educated:** **49.8%**  
state: 67.1%

Associate's Degree: **10.7%**  
Bachelor's Degree: **11.6%**  
Advanced Degree: **4.6%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019**



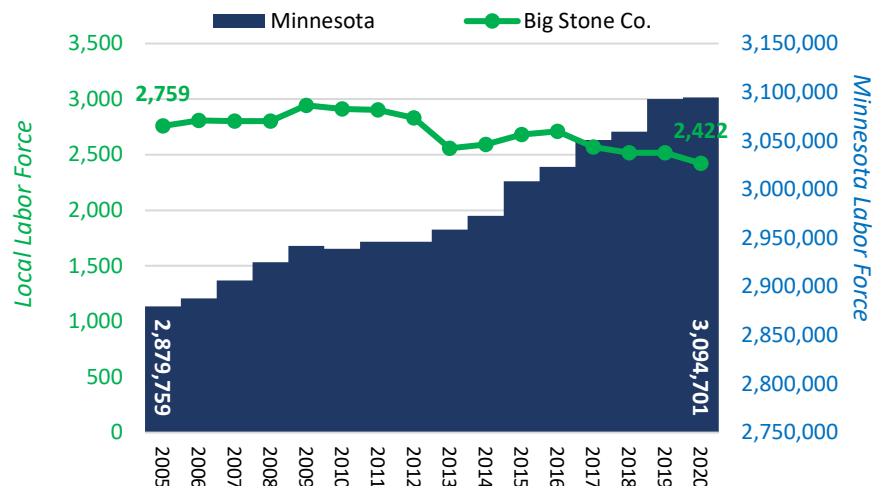
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

# LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.5%, Big Stone Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Big Stone Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 4.3% in 2019, but was lower than the 6.5% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Big Stone Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.

<b>2,422</b>	available workers
<i>Labor Force change, 2005-2020</i>	-337 workers -12.2% decline
<b>4.5%</b>	unemployment rate
6.2%	state
<b>109</b>	unemployed workers

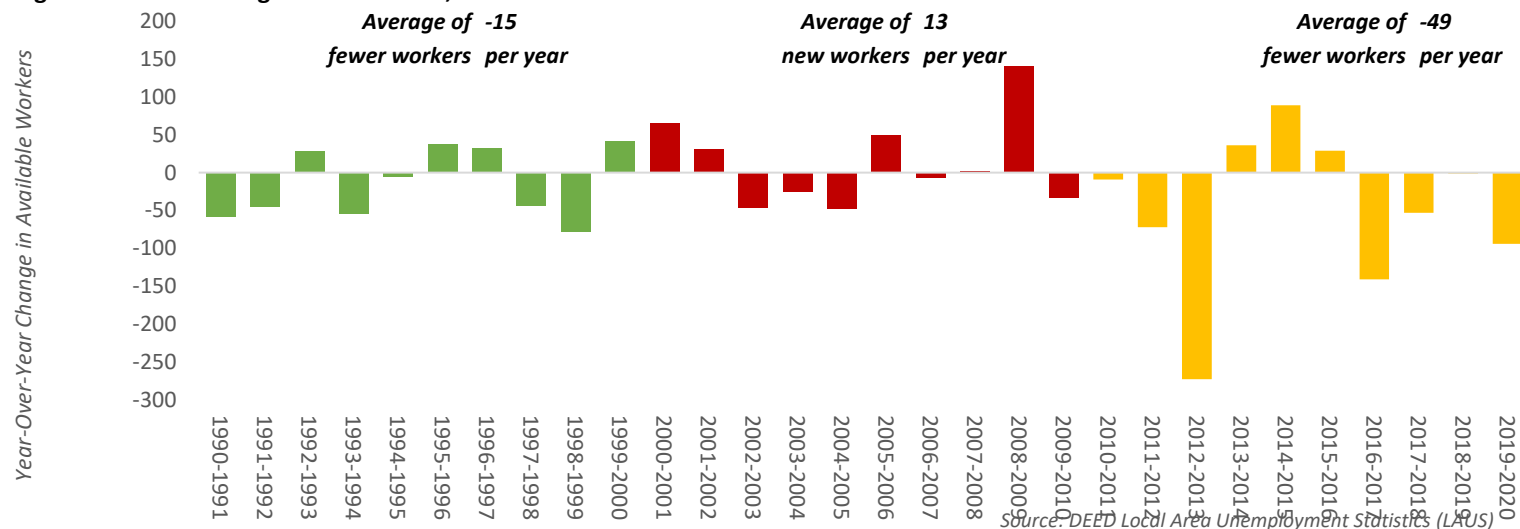
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net loss of -14.6 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Big Stone Co. averaged an annual gain of 12.9 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -48.9 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Big Stone Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2020



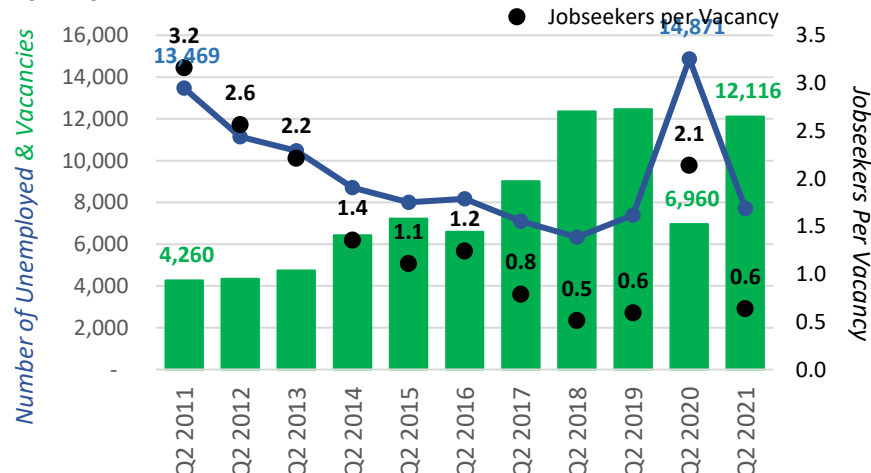
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2023-2033	Labor Force Projection	
	2023	2033
16 to 24 years	294	291
25 to 54 years	1,227	1,207
55 to 64 years	497	259
65 years & over	197	172
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>1,929</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Southwest reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2011-2021



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

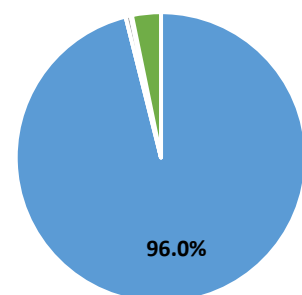
## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Big Stone Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Big Stone Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2019

	Big Stone Co.			Minnesota		Big Stone Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>2,427</b>	<b>59.8%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>69.7%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>1,094</b>
16 to 19 years	76	53.1%	3.9%	53.2%	11.0%	21	55
20 to 24 years	252	93.7%	0.8%	84.6%	6.0%	161	91
25 to 44 years	869	91.2%	5.5%	88.8%	3.2%	483	386
45 to 54 years	446	78.8%	2.0%	87.6%	2.7%	224	222
55 to 64 years	606	71.6%	1.2%	73.0%	2.8%	337	269
65 to 74 years	147	25.0%	1.4%	27.9%	2.2%	84	63
75 years & over	29	4.2%	0.0%	6.6%	2.4%	21	8
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	2,329	58.9%	2.1%	69.3%	3.0%		
Black or African American	0	0.0%	#VALUE!	71.3%	8.8%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	14	100.0%	0.0%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	71.2%	4.3%		
Some Other Race	3	75.0%	0.0%	77.7%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	78	92.9%	28.2%	73.6%	7.4%		
Hispanic or Latino	33	61.1%	0.0%	76.5%	6.1%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>							
With Any Disability	146	54.1%	5.5%	53.0%	8.6%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	1,920	81.2%	3.3%	84.5%	3.0%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	70	51.9%	4.8%	66.3%	4.2%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	652	71.9%	0.4%	78.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	821	89.4%	3.4%	85.3%	3.0%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	378	93.3%	0.0%	90.0%	1.7%		

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2019



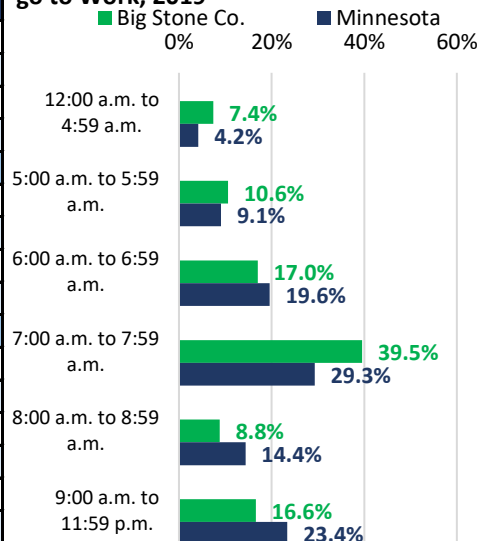
- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

A smaller percentage of workers in Big Stone Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Big Stone Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Big Stone Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	1,901	81.7%	2,837,697	97.6%
Worked in county of residence	1,438	61.8%	1,846,247	63.5%
Worked out of county of residence	463	19.9%	991,449	34.1%
Worked outside state of residence	426	18.3%	69,779	2.4%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	2,015	86.6%	2,506,244	86.2%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	19	0.8%	101,762	3.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	100	4.3%	125,021	4.3%
Worked at home	193	8.3%	171,541	5.9%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	803	34.5%	456,474	15.7%
10 to 19 minutes	693	29.8%	872,243	30.0%
20 to 29 minutes	344	14.8%	645,460	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	303	13.0%	575,680	19.8%
45 to 59 minutes	102	4.4%	194,801	6.7%
60 or more minutes	79	3.4%	162,819	5.6%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>18.1 minutes</b>		<b>23.7 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2019



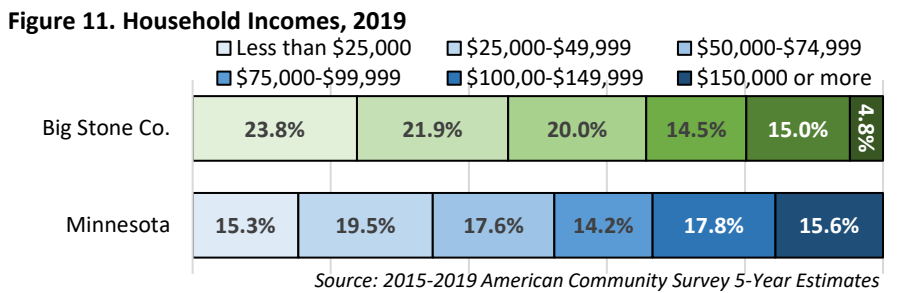
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Big Stone Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Big Stone Co. had the 75th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	<b>\$53,900</b>
state	\$71,306
Median Family Income	<b>\$70,541</b>
state	\$89,842
Per Capita Income	<b>\$29,459</b>
state	\$37,625

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey



Big Stone Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.14 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$14.46 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

**Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020**

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Big Stone Co.	\$27,335	\$13.14	\$0	\$355	\$163	\$540	\$675	\$245	\$300
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Big Stone Co.	\$45,120	\$14.46	\$208	\$810	\$519	\$723	\$782	\$420	\$298
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Big Stone Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 80th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Big Stone Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

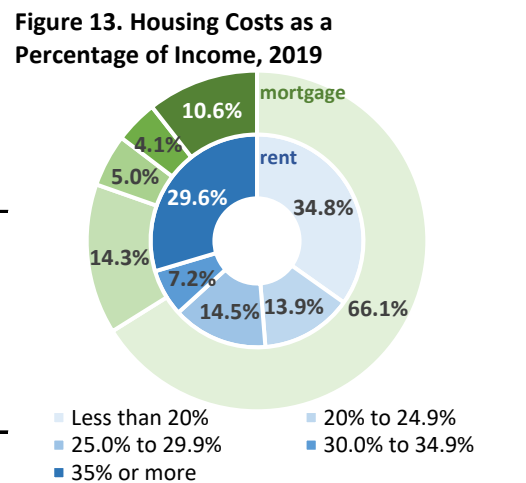
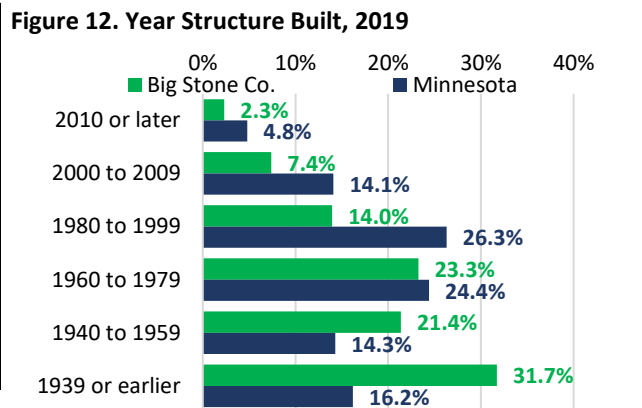
**Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2019**

	Big Stone Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	1,676	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	259	15.5%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	595	35.5%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	327	19.5%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	178	10.6%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	177	10.6%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	103	6.1%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	37	2.2%	7.9%
Median (dollars)	\$97,900		\$223,900

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	<b>\$1,019</b>
state	\$1,580
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	<b>14.6%</b>
state	21.8%
Median monthly rent costs	<b>\$606</b>
state	\$977
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	<b>36.8%</b>
state	45.1%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



## OCCUPATIONS

At \$19.11 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 6W than the state. Overall, Region 6W had the 10th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$35.96) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.57) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment &amp; Wage Statistics, 2021

Occupational Group	Region 6W				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$19.11</b>	<b>15,520</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$23.00</b>	<b>2,708,760</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$35.96	830	5.3%	0.9	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%
Business & Financial Operations	\$26.88	460	3.0%	0.4	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%
Computer & Mathematical	\$28.28	50	0.3%	0.1	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%
Architecture & Engineering	\$33.59	130	0.8%	0.4	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$23.15	110	0.7%	0.7	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$23.91	240	1.5%	0.8	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%
Legal	\$29.41	30	0.2%	0.3	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$19.24	1,280	8.2%	1.4	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$20.13	70	0.5%	0.3	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$32.63	880	5.7%	0.8	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%
Healthcare Support	\$15.83	850	5.5%	0.9	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%
Protective Service	\$23.18	240	1.5%	1.0	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.57	1,500	9.7%	1.3	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$16.54	620	4.0%	1.5	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$12.96	300	1.9%	1.0	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%
Sales & Related	\$17.33	830	5.3%	0.6	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%
Office & Administrative Support	\$18.74	2,080	13.4%	1.1	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$18.74	90	0.6%	3.7	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	\$21.80	910	5.9%	1.6	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$22.03	660	4.3%	1.2	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%
Production	\$19.44	2,100	13.5%	1.8	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$17.35	1,240	8.0%	1.0	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

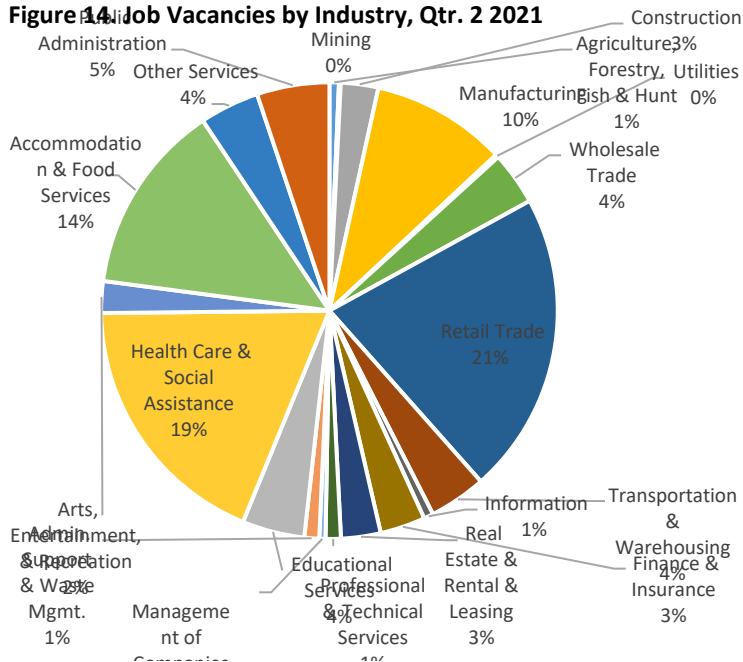
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Big Stone Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 12116 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>12,116</b>	<b>\$15.03</b>
Management	238	\$32.97
Business & Financial Operations	406	\$33.55
Computer & Mathematical	48	\$25.16
Architecture & Engineering	86	\$24.09
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	14	\$21.00
Community & Social Service	111	\$21.79
Education, Training & Library	257	\$23.51
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,050	\$24.77
Healthcare Support	1,618	\$13.52
Protective Service	141	\$13.79
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,080	\$11.90
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	328	\$14.86
Personal Care & Service	246	\$19.15
Sales & Related	1,549	\$13.27
Office & Administrative Support	637	\$13.43
Construction & Extraction	142	\$21.47
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	531	\$18.92
Production	843	\$15.59
Transportation & Material Moving	1,316	\$17.09

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, Qtr. 2 2021



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Occupations in Demand, 2020

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$28,035	Nursing Assistants \$30,933	Registered Nurses \$68,952	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$52,103
Retail Salespersons \$27,105	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$46,278	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$58,679	Physicians, All Other; and Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric NA
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$41,484	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$35,447	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and \$60,317	Financial Managers \$99,935
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$45,441	Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records Specialists, and Health Technologists and \$41,022	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$62,577	Civil Engineers \$86,311
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$28,667	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$47,376	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers \$78,847	General and Operations Managers \$74,397
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$28,887	Medical Assistants \$39,512	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians \$56,251	Physician Assistants \$117,551
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$33,694	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$49,897	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$62,640	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$55,202
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, \$39,529	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics \$34,822	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$50,238	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$54,152
Stockers and Order Fillers \$28,316	Electricians \$58,008	Mechanical Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$45,140	Electrical Engineers \$87,297
Office Clerks, General \$35,222	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers \$62,213	Physical Therapist Assistants \$51,326	Construction Managers \$87,171

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

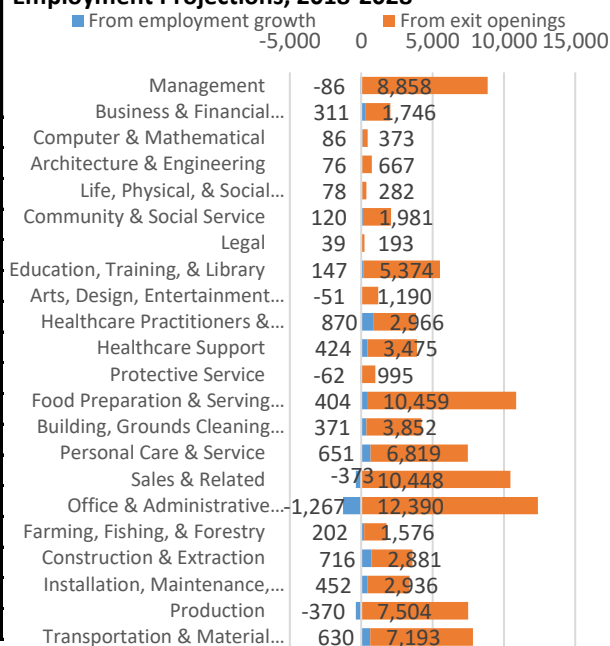
Big Stone Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 0.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employment 2028	Percent Change 2018-2028
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>206,422</b>	<b>209,790</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,776	6,171	6.8%
Utilities	744	697	-6.3%
Construction	7,858	8,687	10.5%
Manufacturing	31,188	31,071	-0.4%
Wholesale Trade	8,530	7,993	-6.3%
Retail Trade	19,926	19,533	-2.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	7,465	7,898	5.8%
Information	2,549	2,364	-7.3%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,693	7,584	-1.4%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,663	6,191	9.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	4,076	4,874	19.6%
Educational Services	17,510	17,483	-0.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	30,568	32,922	7.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,593	14,825	1.6%
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	7,423	7,058	-4.9%
Public Administration	12,956	12,681	-2.1%

Source: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2018-2028



## ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Big Stone Co. had the 80th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Big Stone Co. was the 5th fastest growing in the past year and the 46th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Big Stone Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state.

208 business establishments

\$43,259 annual average wage

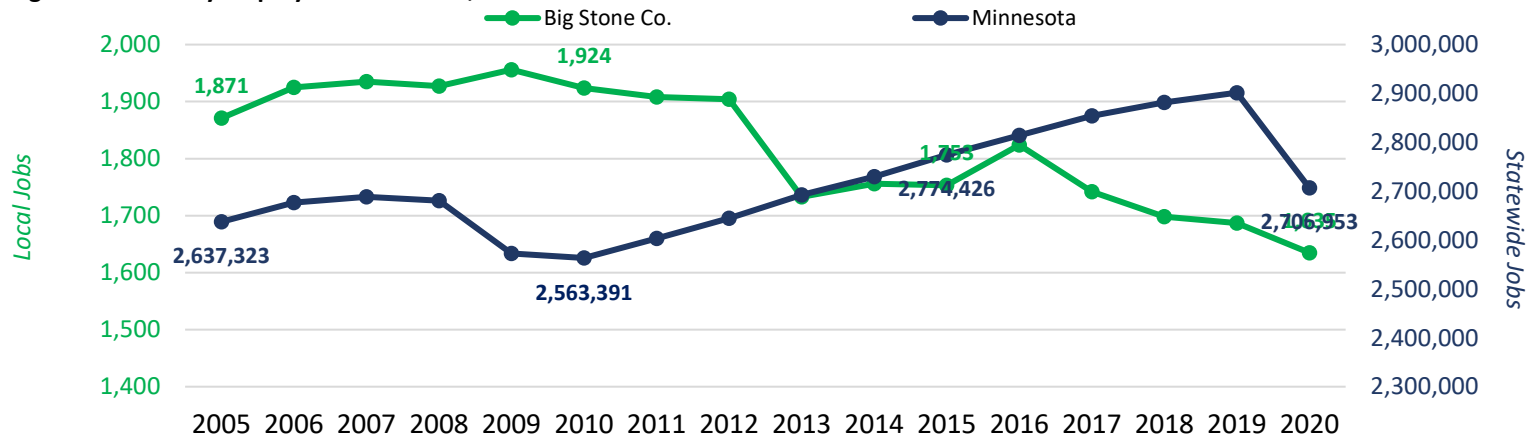
1,635 jobs

\$70,728,563 total industry payroll

Job change,  
2015-2020

-118 jobs  
-6.7% decline

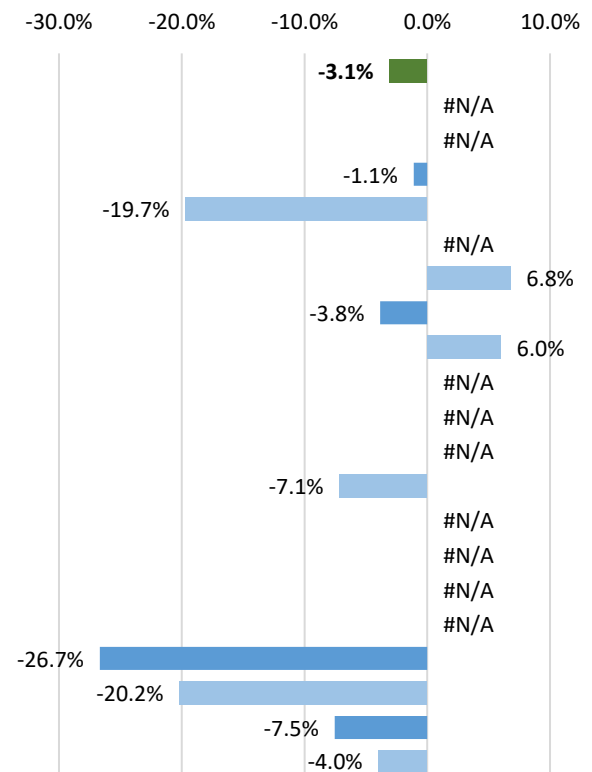
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Big Stone Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2020	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$43,259</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	179	10.9%	\$78,575
Manufacturing	18	1.1%	\$26,233
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	63	3.9%	\$81,939
Retail Trade	176	10.8%	\$23,186
Transportation & Warehousing	53	3.2%	\$49,146
Information	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	13	0.8%	\$8,106
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	12	0.7%	\$26,805
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	11	0.7%	\$2,326
Accommodation & Food Services	83	5.1%	\$3,862
Other Services	49	3.0%	\$19,179
Public Administration	145	8.9%	\$50,018

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment &amp; Wages (QCEW)

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